THE CHRISTIAN JUDGES,

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Their VVords Judged

By the Holy Men of God, and Christ, and his Apostles, and by the *HEATHEN.*

Herein you may see, that your Words and Carriages have been contrary to the People of God of old, and the Prophets, Kings and Judges among the *Jews*, and Christ the King of Kings, and his great Apostles, and the *Heathens* Governours and Officers.

And here you may see the Carriage and Words of the Holy Men of God, and of Christ, and his Apostles, and the *Heathens* Rulers.

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ACHAN, that took the *Babylonish* Garments, and Two Hundred Shickles of Silver, and the Wedge of Gold of Fifty Shickles weight; *Joshua*, the Judge of *Israel*, who searched the Tribes, and found *Achan* was the Man: now *Joshua*, the Judge, did not say to *Achan*, *Sirrah*, nor *Thou Rascal*, nor *Knave*, nor *Rogue*, or *Whoreson*, as many *Christian-Magistrates*, so called, will say: But *Joshua* said unto *Achan*, *My Son*; mark his Pure Language, and Savoury Expression, and Gracious Words; *My Son, I pray thee, give Glory to the Lord God of* Israel, *and make Confession unto him, and tell me what thou hast done, and hide it not from me.* And then *Achan* confessed, *That he had sinned against the Lord God of* Israel, *and thus and thus have I done*, above-mentioned. And then *Joshua* the Judge said, *why hast thou troubled* Israel?

the Lord *God shall trouble thee this day*; ~~*the Lord*~~ and they stoned him with Stones, and burnt his Goods with Fire: And there was no Unsavoury Word given to him, as we read, either *Sirrah*, or *Rascal*, or *Knave*, or *Whoreson*, who was worthy of Death, *Joshua* 7.

And *Moses*, the Judge of *Israel*, in *Numb.* 15. the Man that gathered Sticks upon the Sabbath-Day, whom they put in Ward until it was revealed of God what they should do to him; and *Moses* (the Judge) and *Aaron*'s Language was not *Sirrah* or *Rascal*, but *The Man shall be put to Death, saith the Lord*; & the Congregation stoned him without the Camp. So you may see, here was no Unsavoury Language given to him.

And *Moses*, in *Exod.* 16. at the Rebelling of *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram*, when *Moses* gave Sentence according to the Word of the Lord, *If these men dye the Common Death of all men, or if they be visited after the Visitation of all men, then the Lord hath not spoken to me, &c.* And now *Moses*, the Judge, did not say, *These Rascals*, or *Rogues*, or *Sirrah*, or *Whoreson*, as many that profess themselves *Christians* will do now.

And in *Levit.* 24. the Man that they put in Ward till the Mind of the Lord might be shewed concerning him, which had Blasphemed the Name of God, and Cursed; and then the Lord said, *That he should be stoned to death*; and the Sentence of *Moses* was, *That all that heard him, they should lay their Hands on his Head.* And so there was no *Sirrah*, nor Unsavoury Speeches given to him, as are used among some now.

And

And in *Geneſis* 20. when *Abraham* was brought before *Abimelech*, the *Heathen*, who was a Ruler, he gave him no Unſavoury Expreſſions, as you may ſee throughout the Chapter.

And in *Geneſis* 26. When *Iſaac* was brought before *Abimelech*, he gave him no Unſavoury Expreſſions, nor did not call him *Sirrah* and *Knave* in his Examination, nor his Father *Abraham* in his Examination, as many do now that are called *Chriſtians*; and *Abimelech*, do not you look upon him to be as a *Heathen*?

And in *Geneſis* 39. when *Joſeph* was caſt into Priſon by the *Heathen*, *Potiphar*, we do not read that he had any Railing Language given to him.

Neither did the *Heathen*, *Pharaoh*, when *Moſes* and *Aaron* went before him, give them any Bad Language, as *Sirrah*, and *Knaves*, and the like, as in *Exod.* 5.

And *Job*, who was a Judge, when *Elihu* ſpoke to him and his Friends, and ſaid, *I know not to give flattering Titles to Man, let me not reſpect any Man's Perſon, in ſo doing my Maker will ſoon take me away*: Now *Job* did not ſay, *Sirrah, hold thy Tongue*, nor gave him any Unſavoury Expreſſion, *Job* 32.

And alſo, ſee the Language of *David* and *Solomon*, and other Officers in *Kings* and *Chronicles*, the Savoury Language they uſed to ſuch as were brought before them.

And alſo *Mordecai* and the *Jews*, who were brought before *Ahaſhuerus*, ſee his ſavoury Language to them, as in *Eſther*, and alſo in the Book of *Nehemiah* 6. and other places.

And ſuch Officers that were friendly to the *Jews*, and

and some were not, yet they did not call them *Sirrahs*, nor *Knaves*, nor *whoresons*, and the like.

And *Isaiah* and *Jeremiah*, who prophesied to several People; and *Jeremiah*, who was cast into Prison and Dungeon, there was no *Sirrah* or *Knave* given to him by the King or Officers, *Jer.* 37.

And read *Isaiah* and *Micha*, and the rest of the Prophets, who prophesied to People, to Rulers and Magistrates, and see where it can be found that they had any Bad Languages given to them, as *Sirrah*, and the like, either by Rulers of the *Heathen*, or of the *Jews*.

And *Nebuchadnezar*, a *Heathen*, in the Examination of the Three Children, and his Sentence upon them to the Fiery Furnace, there was no such Language given them as *Sirrah*, and *Knave*, and *Rascal*, nor *whoreson*, in all his Fury and Rage, but called them *Men*, as you may read *Dan.* 3.

And *Daniel*, when he was brought before *Darius*, in *Dan.* 6. in his Examination and Sentence, had no *Sirrah* or Unsavoury Expressions given him, neither by the King nor Officers (when he was sentenced to the Lyons Den, to be cast amongst them) as many give now adayes, who are called *Christians*, and yet some of these were *Heathens*.

And in *Acts* 6, 7. Chap. *Steven*, in his Examination and Sentence to Death, had not the word *Sirrah* or *Knave* given to him by the Council of the *Jews* in their Sentence to Death.

And in *Acts* 4. when the Apostles, *Peter* and *John*, when

when they were brought before the High Priest and Rulers of the *Jews*, and had Sentence given upon them, *Not to preach in the Name of Jesus*, they called them *These Men*, and not *Knaves*, nor *Sirrah*, nor *Whoreson*, as many that call themselves *Christians* do, below the *Heathen*, and have more fouler Language, and Unciviller, and Ungracious Expressions then they.

And again, *Acts* 22. when *Peter* was put in Prison, and *James* put to Death, there were no such words as *Sirrah*, nor *Rogue*, nor *Whoreson*, by them that prisoned *Peter*, and put *James* to Death.

And in *Acts* 16. when *Paul* and *Silas* were cast in Prison by the Magistrates, there were no such words given to them in their Examination and Sentence; they called them *Men*, not *Rogues*, nor *Sirrahs*, nor *Knaves*, nor *Whoresons*: And when the Magistrates had done contrary to the Law, they feared. And so see how short are many of the *Christian-Rulers* to this Example, who fear not to cast Innocent People in Prison, and give them Names beside, contrary to the *Jews* and *Heathen*.

And in *Acts* 19. *Demetrius*, when there was an Uproar about their Gods, he called the Apostle, *Paul*, and not *Sirrah*, nor *Whoreson*, *Rogue* and *Rascal*: And this *Demetrius* had much command among the Tradesmen.

And when *Paul* was brought before *Ananias* the Priest, and the Council of the *Jews*, who professed the Scripture, and lived out of the Life of them; when *Paul* told them, *He had lived in all Good Conscience*

ence towards God until that day; and they could not abide to hear speak of living in a good Conscience, as the Professors of the Scripture, that live not in the Life, cannot abide to hear speak of living in a good Conscience now adayes: and *Paul* was not called *Knave* and *Sirrah* by *Ananias*, nor *Whoreson* and *Rogue*, *Acts* 23. *Acts* 22. Chap. when *Paul* was brought before the chief Captain, in all his Examination they called him by his Name or *Man*, and not *Sirrah*, and they were *Heathen*.

But *Acts* 24. the *Jews*, that denyed Christ, and professed Scripture, but out of the Life, which were his Accusers before the Magistrates, they called *Paul* once *A Pestilent Fellow*, when they accused him before *Felix* their Governour, as the accusing Professors of Christ will do now; who live out of the Life, to us that live in the Life: but *Felix* gave *Paul* no such Language, as you may read in the Chapter.

And in *Acts* 25. 26. *Festus* nor *Agrippa* gave *Paul* no such Language as *Sirrah*, nor *Rascal*, nor *Knave*, nor *Whoreson*, *Rogue*, nor *Jackanapes*, in all his Examinations and Confessions, but heard him patiently, who told him, *He was sent to turn People from Darkness to Light, and from Satan's Power to God*; and he did not rage against *Paul*, and say, *It was Delusions, and a Natural Light, and Jack in the Lanthorn*, as some of the Priests do now.

And Christ, the Judge of the World, that gave his Sentence upon the Sloathful Servant, that hid his Talent, he called him *Unprofitable Servant*, *&c.* and not *Sirrah*, though he had spoken hard words of Christ,

Christ, and called him *Hard Master*, yet Christ did not call him *Sirrah* nor *whoreson*, Mat. 25.

And in the same Chapter, when Christ gave his Sentence on them that did not visit him in Prison, & Sick, and Naked, did not cloath him, and Hungry, and did not feed him, in their pleading with Christ, *When saw we thee so? Inasmuch as ye have not done it unto my Brethren*, saith Christ, *ye did it not unto me*; and in Christ's Sentence of them into everlasting Punishment, there were no Aggravating Words, as *Sirrah*, and the like.

And also, the Servant that the King had forgiven his Debts, that would not forgive his Fellow-Servant his Debts, but took him by the Throat, and cast him into Prison, and said, *Pay me that thou owest me*; and then the King cast this Servant in Prison again, whose Debts came upon him again, and there was no *Sirrah*.

And Christ's Sentence upon the Man that had not on his Wedding-Garment, was, *Friend*, and not *Sirrah*, as in *Mat.* 22.

And also *Judas*, that betrayed his Master, Christ Jesus, the Lord of Life, and sold him to the Priests, in Christ's Sentence upon *Judas*, his words were *Friend*, and not *Sirrah* nor *Whoreson*.

And so here ye may see through along the Scriptures, both from Christ, and the *Heathen*, and *Jews*, in their Examinations and Sentences, how they gave no such Names as the *Christians* do in their Sentences and Examinations upon People, when they came afore them, as they do now adayes, who call them,

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